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TO: Minerals File

FROM: D. Wayne Hedberg, Permit Supervisor *DWH*

RE: Site Inspection, Joseph Cassetta, Desert Sandscapes Sandstone Quarry
Operation, S/053/018, Washington County, Utah

Date of Inspection: October 15, 1991

Time of Inspection: 4:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Conditions: Sunny, cool

Participants: Larry Gore, BLM, Dixie Resource Area; Wayne Hedberg, DOGM

This proposed operation will mine a sandstone outcrop on a relatively small scale. The operator intends to mine the sandstone, or "picture rock", and sell sculpted pieces as art work. There are no present intentions for this site to be used for large scale commercial, or industrial type of development. The site had not yet been disturbed by the operator, but he intends to initiate mining the outcrop as soon as the appropriate permits are obtained.

This proposed development site is not visible from the adjacent state highway, but may become visible in time, as operations expand from within the small secluded wash, up over a small hill toward the highway. It will likely take several years before the site becomes visible from the highway, depending upon the rate of extraction of the sandstone.

Very little vegetation exists in the area of the outcrop to be mined. Topsoil salvaging would not be achievable in this area. Consequently, a topsoil salvaging variance would be justifiable. Achieving successful revegetation of the sandstone outcrop may also prove difficult and may also require a variance. Several photos were taken of the area where the initial mining is to take place.

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